

MILLER TO WATCH TRANSIT SOLUTION

Intimates Keen Interest in
Problems Before New
Commission.

WON'T COMMENT ON FARES

Hopes for Cooperation in Solu-
tion of Food Distribution
Question.

Gov. Miller intimated yesterday he would retain a keen interest in the settlement of the transit question while the transit commission was wrestling with it. The Governor said he did not expect to see any members of the commission before his return to Albany today. He refused to express any opinions as to the way in which the problem would be solved.

"You have washed your hands of transit for the time being," the Governor was asked.

"Well, I wouldn't say that," came the reply. "It is now up to the Transit Commission, however."

"Are the people of New York warranted in hoping that the major portion of the traffic—subway and elevated—can be carried on a five-cent fare?" he was asked.

"I do not care to comment on that. That is a problem for the commission to solve," he replied.

Members of the new Transit Commission informally discussed some of the problems, but have not decided when to take office. That will depend somewhat on word that William A. Prendergast, chairman of the new Public Service Commission, brings back from Albany today. If possible the new bodies wish to take office at the same time, probably about May 1.

F. B. DeBernard, director of research of the Merchants Association, has asked Charles E. Hughes to consent to the turning over to the Transit Commission of the material gathered by him and Le Roy T. Harkness in the special investigation of the transit situation.

Gov. Miller, asked when he was going to give his personal attention to the question of food distribution, replied:

"I consider the start has been made in the establishment of a port district and port authority and the principle of cooperation. Now that problem is for that commission to work out. The old commission has laid the foundation by accumulation of valuable information. My hope is that the cooperation of the various people whose cooperation will be required will be obtained during the year, and that something definite will be ready for the next Legislature to act on. That is my hope."

MASS OF MEASURES AWAIT MILLER'S ACTION

Public Hearings and Vetoes
Are Looked For.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Albany, April 19.

During the absence of Gov. Miller in New York the clerical and legal staffs in the Executive offices sorted the mass of bills left for his consideration by the Legislature.

Public hearings will be held probably on some. Scores of the salary and appropriation bills are certain to be vetoed. Bills bearing Mayor Hylan's approval began arriving to-day and these will be among the first taken up by the Governor.

The disposition is to let New York city have all the bills passed by the Legislature, even including the various salary raises.

PHOENIX ESTATE \$250,000.

Phillips Phoenix, lawyer, who died April 11, left an estate of more than \$250,000, according to his will filed yesterday. His residence at 2 East Sixth-street, properties at 870 Park avenue and 6 West Twenty-fourth street, a trust fund of \$100,000 and the income from half the residuary estate is bequeathed to his widow, Lillie G. Phoenix. The remaining half of the residue is bequeathed to his brother, Lloyd Phoenix, 21 East Thirty-third street.

Mrs. Gurling a Mother 5 Days After Heroic Feat

MRS. NORMAN GURLING of White Plains, who only five days ago climbed down a forty foot well and rescued her fourteen months' old son, Norman, Jr., gave birth to a daughter yesterday at her home at Knollwood and Hartsdale roads at White Plains. Both Mrs. Gurling and her daughter were doing well last night.

Many citizens of White Plains have begun an agitation to obtain a Carnegie medal for Mrs. Gurling in recognition of her bravery and fortitude in climbing down the well in the condition she was in at the time.

CRONKHITE INQUIRY MOVES TO CAPITAL

Senator Calder and Rosen-
bluth, Accused Officer, to
See Attorney-General.

Capt. Robert Rosenbluth, accused in a Federal warrant of the murder of Major A. P. Cronkhite at Camp Lewis in October, 1918, arrived in Washington yesterday with Senator Calder, who has interested himself in behalf of the accused officer. Together they called at the office of Attorney-General Daugherty, where they were told that no further steps could be taken in the case until Mr. Daugherty returned to Washington from the West to-day.

A report reached Joseph J. Goldstein, Rosenbluth's attorney here, that Sergeant Roland P. Pothier, who is said by Government agents to have been ordered to shoot Major Cronkhite by Capt. Rosenbluth, had repudiated his alleged confession. According to the information which came to Mr. Goldstein, Pothier at first declared the shooting was accidental. After he had been arrested and had spent three days in jail Pothier is reported to have said that Rosenbluth "encouraged" the murder, and in a later statement he had declared that Rosenbluth actually directed him to kill the Major.

Since Pothier has been released on \$10,000 bail he has, according to the report which reached Mr. Goldstein, repudiated his alleged statements implicating Capt. Rosenbluth and returned to his original story that the shooting was accidental. Mr. Goldstein said that Pothier's present whereabouts were unknown to him and that he was endeavoring to locate him. It is charged by Mr. Goldstein that Pothier's alleged confessions were obtained through "third degree methods."

"It is my belief that Pothier never even knew he had the right to be represented by counsel until after he obtained his release on bail," Mr. Goldstein said.

Major Henry Tucker of 507 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, the surgeon who performed the autopsy on Major Cronkhite's body shortly after the shooting, was in communication over the telephone with Mr. Goldstein. He has a story to tell, Mr. Goldstein said, which will "put the alleged Pothier confessions, Capt. Rosenbluth is expected to go to Philadelphia to see Major Tucker to-night or to-morrow."

PRENDERGAST CONSULTS OLD P. S. COMMISSION

Discusses Pending Cases Prior
to Transfer.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Albany, April 19.

William A. Prendergast of New York, who will be chairman of the Public Service Commission, conferred to-day with members of the retiring commission in regard to transferring pending business to the new body, which is to qualify soon.

Under the transit act Mr. Prendergast and his associates have until May 4 to qualify. When they do take their oaths the new officials replace automatically the existing body. Mr. Prendergast discussed with Commissioner Hill, the retiring chairman, cases pending. There will be no friction in the transfer of the authorities.

GERMAN IS SOUGHT IN COUNT'S MURDER

Propagandist and Suspected
Spy Known to Have Quar-
relled With Von Pickler.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
ATLANTIC CITY, April 19.—The county authorities admitted here to-day that they are searching for a man and a woman in connection with the murder of Count Heinrich von Pickler, known in Atlantic City as Henry Buelow, whose body was found several days ago on North Tennessee avenue near the negro colony. County Prosecutor Edmund C. Gaskill would not make public their names, but it became known to-day that the man was at one time an intimate friend of the Count and that they quarrelled at the time the United States went to war with Germany.

According to information obtained by the police this man was very pro-German, while the sympathies of the Count for the Fatherland were not so pronounced. After the quarrel the man now being sought is believed to have left on work for the German Government. He was arrested here on several occasions for disorderly conduct and for some time was watched by United States Secret Service agents.

The fact that this friend of the Count's was engaged in German propaganda work and the fact of the quarrel between the two men has raised the theory that the Count was killed because during the war he refused, so far as the police have been able to learn, to help to influence sentiment in this country. The police, however, have obtained no facts whatever to uphold this theory and against it is the fact that although Von Pickler lived in the United States for twenty-six years, he never became a citizen of this country.

It has been suggested, however, that this was because retention of his German citizenship protected his title and his interests in certain estates of the Von Buelow family, which he is said to have expected to inherit. But, on the other hand, the German Government, or at least the old Imperial Government, never recognized that a German could become a citizen of any other country.

After discussing all of the theories which would tend to involve the Count, who was a helper in the steward's department of a boardwalk hotel, in amazingly complicated international affairs, the police usually go back to the belief that he was murdered for the large roll of money which he is known to have possessed. This roll amounted to about \$2,000, and none of it has been found.

The dead man had but three one dollar bills in his pocket when his body was discovered. Negro detectives have been engaged to work in the negro colony on the theory that the German might have been murdered by negroes after visiting a negro cabaret and showing his roll of bills.

The authorities discovered to-day that Von Pickler possessed an enemy alien identification card made out in the name of Henry Buelow and signed by E. H. Brown of the United States Secret Service. It was issued at the time that the United States Government ordered the registration of all Germans and Austrians in this country.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN says:

"Wealth and Content
are not always bed-fellows."

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